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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AID TO BURMA TO IMPROVE AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL

REFS: A. RANGOON A-37; B. STATE 099236; C. STATE 070086;
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1. AS SUGGESTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES ON THE HIGHWAY
PROJECT (REFTELS E-H), WE BELIEVE THAT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE
TO BURMA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY IN INSTANCES WHERE WE
HAVE RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE GUB. POSSIBLE
EXCEPTIONS TO THIS WOULD BE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE
EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER, OR AN INDIVIDUAL PLEDGE COOR-
DINATED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP IN
RESPONSE TO A GUB REQUEST TO THAT BODY. IN ADDITION,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE INDICATED DURING AMBASSADOR
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TIN LAT'S CALL IN MARCH (REFTEL (C)) THAT THE ISSUE OF
AID TO BURMA HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED IN DETAIL BY THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION, AND WOULD IN ANY CASE BE SUBJECT TO CON-
GRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE APPEAR TO BE NO PROGRAMS
UNDER WHICH ASSISTANCE TO UPGRADE THE BURMESE AIR TRAFFIC

CONTROL SYSTEM COULD BE CONSIDERED. IN ANY U.S. BILATERAL AID PROGRAM PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO ASSISTANCE WHICH DIRECTLY IMPROVES LIVING CONDITIONS OR RESULTS IN INCREASED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN AN AREA OF BASIC NECESSITIES.

3. WE AGREE THAT SUBSTANDARD AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES SHOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE USG. AS POINTED OUT IN REF AIRGRAM A, HOWEVER, INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SAFETY IN BURMESE AIRSPACE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GUB. SINCE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS THE LIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS MAY BE ENDANGERED, THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER MAKING A LOW-KEYED EXPRESSION OF CONCERN TO THE GUB FOREIGN MINISTRY. VANCE

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